Now when such a panic has arisen all the news papers which are the organ of public opinion have made their own comments. The Hon'ble Members of this House say that they are all unfounded, and there was no ground at all for panic, and everything is o.k. What was the situation a month ago. To summarise the views expressed by some of the Hon'ble Members, the position is this: All is not desirable with the existing price and rice control scheme but we do not blame the Diwan Peishkar. He has done everything possible. I do not say that the Diwan Peishkar has deliberately omitted to do anything at all. Mr. Bhaskara Menon said that several blunders have been committed by Government.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* That is only with regard to the second aspect of the cut motion—rice control.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I shall take one by one the speeches delivered by the Hon'ble Members. I am going to press this motion but if the House wants me to withraw I have no objectoin. If the Hon'ble Members of this House have used some restraint in their speeches I would have ample time to reply. Why should all the members of the committee speak? I ask. It would have been enough if they selected one or two persons to speak on their behalf. Even according to Mr. Ayyappan, the Hon'ble Deputy President there was a *bahalam* (ബഹളം) there was panic. What is that panic due to, if everything went on well. Therefore there must have been fear engendered in the minds of the people, so engendered because of the wrong handling of the subject. Had the Diwan Peishkar stated here that we have rice sufficient for 8½ months there would not have been any panic at all. The prices would not have risen. This transfer of rice to Travancore, is it not due to that panic? Regarding the fixation of price it is admitted that these gentlemen have done their duty conscientiously. There is scope for a lot of foul play. Price of rice at Coconada is quoted. There are ever so many varieties of rice sold there. They will give the price of the best rice and send the worst rice.

Mr. N. Govinda Pai *(Nominated):* There are people in the Committee who know the variety of rice.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* All these details are not known to the committee. I consulted the merchants, I consulted poor people and I consulted lawyers, all of them say that there is room for foul play.

Panel Chairman: According to the rules I have to put the demands to vote.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* According to rules one day is allotted for discussion of one demand. It is not 24 hours since the discussion is stated. It was at 12·15 or so that it was started. Therefore it can be discussed till that time tomorrow.

Panel Chairman: One day means one sitting.

The demand under Land Revenue put and carried

1. Land Revenue (Cranganur)

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Mr. President Sir, I beg to move for an allotment of Rs. 20,147 under "1. Land Revenue—Cranganur".

Demand put and carried

The House rose for the day at 5 p.m.

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